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# Pamplet Puts Democrats On

CHICAGO, Ill.-A combined of Bridgeport. meeting of the Planning Boards | New York-Mrs. Bertha Diggs of both Eastern and Western Buffalo; Lamarr' Perkins, New Divisions of the Republican Na- York; George Wilbecan, Brooktional Committee will be held lyn; Francis E. Rivers, NYC; here all day Saturday, October Sara Pelham Speaks. NYC; Ro-19th. This announcement was bert Leftwich, NYC; Oliver Ranmade in a joint statement issu-dolph, NYC; Miss Enid Phillips ed by Francis E. Rivers of New Arthur C. Logan, and Harry B. York eastern director of the Webber, of New York. Committee's Colored Division, and Sidney R. Redmond of Chi- Wheatland Camden; William A. New Deal efforts to blame him set up had planted the releases. crats used the Negroes this cago, western director.

Plans for a major drive to climax the Willkie-McNary cam paign will be completed at this meeting. The eastern board members will journey to Chicago for th meeting.

Members of the Eastern Plantrip are as follows:

Mass.-Joseph Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah Martin, of Boston; and lin Wilson and Mrs. Madelyn George Gordon of Springfield. Lewis.

kett, Jr., and Mrs. Anna M. and Harry J. Capehart of Charthe resignation report. Lewis,, both of Providence.

New Haven; William Hatchett, field.

New Jersey-Dr. Marcus W. Dart, Atlantic City; Mrs. Elizabeth Blake Woodbury.

Penna.—Joseph V. Baker and Mrs. Maude B. Coleman both of Harrisburg.

Del.-John Hopkins and Mrs. Carrie M. S. Pipes, both of Wil-

Maryland - Marse Calloway. Batlimore.

Washington, D.C.-J. Frank-

leston; Mrs. M. T. Whittico, Conn.-Mrs. Eloise Day of Keystone; S. R. Andrews Blue-

Planning Board Responsibility Shifts Meets In Chicago When Issue Attacked

> many of the nation's most prominent colored and white leadfor the pamphlet.

That Rainey himself may home, that he might be back errors in publicity releases. home sooner than expected.

to defend himself by repudiating the pamphlet and also asserting that some misguided Harlem Democrat was responsi Rhode Island-James M. Croc West Va. - T. Gillis Nutter, ble. He would not comment on

It is believed that if Rainey resigns on the grounds th the slur against the race was too much for hmi his stature as a eader would be immeasureably enhanced. Sources close to him indicated late Monday that the Democratic chief was even con-

NEW YORK -The latest pressure since the smear story, people here in Harlm who will sensation in the Democratic Com broke Saturday morning, when vote will never know about the mittee's "smear pamphlet" at news men walked into Rainey's article." tacking Wendell L. Willkie, Re- office at 331 Madison Ave., and publican Presidential candidate, picked up copies of the release was the fact that on Monday from the table reserved for of race is a thing we should press releases.

Among the weatlh of rumors have always done about us. ers were urging Julian D. Rain- flooding newspaper offices Sat- think it was a disgrace." ey, Democratic colored director, urday morning was one that a to resign in protest against "Fifth Columnist" in the Demo

Tchnically, the Democratic way." pamphlet would come under Dr. have some such action in his C. V. Powell's department. He mind was indicated Monday is chairman of publicity. How- day afternoon at Eastern Rewhen it was learned that he told ever, as head of the Division, publican National eCommittee friends in Boston, Mass., his Rainey is responsible for any headquarters Mr. Rivers issu-

A long list of prominent men, Besiged by newspapermen in not in poliites, has been added by has just made the statement ning Board who will make the and Mrs. Elvira Bond, both of his office Monday Rainey sought to the Willkie bandwagon as a that he had nothing to do with result of the "smears."

tone called on Mr. Rivers Mongainst the New Deal 'smcar.' isters in the east

cording to River's mail and tele- it and approve it that some

of statements similar to these: given to the country. "I think it was a trick of the

"To accuse a man on account never uphold. That is what they

"A shame that white Demo-

At a press conference Moned the following statements:

"I understand that Mr. Rainthe pamphlet of instructions to Harr Burleigh, the noted bari- colored speakers conaining the "smear" on Mr. Willkie, and day afternoon to pledge his that one of the volunteer worksupport to Wilkie in protest a- ers in his organization had prepared it and submitted it for approval; but that before he,

newspapermen came in and In Harlem, reception of the took it out and published it-'smear' was attested by scores as a result of which it was

"Drespective of such flimsy Rainey has been under heavy effect on Willkie, as most of the (Continued on Page 4)

## **Trickery In Army** Is Now Apparent

9 implying that a committee of statement, the telegram declarthree persons, including Walter ed: White, secretary of the NAACP, "We most vigorously prohad approved a policy of segre-test your approval of War Degation for Negro units in the partment policy regarding Ne-Army was repudiated and de- groes in armed forces which nounced here October 10 in a precludes Negro officers except telegram of protest to President chaplains and doctors in regul-

he White House statement de-

"White House Secretary Early said the segregation policy was approved after Mr. Roosevelt had conferred with Walter White, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and 2 other Negro leaders, etc."

This phraseology in the press was characterized by the NAA-CP as a "trick" to give the impression that Negroes had approved of the Army Jimcrow. and to remove the pressure from President Roosvelt as Commander in Chief of the Army and

crats for Willkie" organization. Do not believe it will have any statement, which carried the the National Youth Administra- of army has been proven satis-

NEW YORK .- A statement On other points of policy enunfrom the White House October ciated by the White House

ar army units other than the The United Press account of two national guard regiments staffed by Negro officers. We deny the statement that 'at arsenals and army posts Negro civilians are afforded equal opportunities for employment.'

"We even ask proof that one Negro is now being given aviation training as pilot in army air corps. As recently as October first, nineteen forty, the Adjutant General of the War Department wrote, 'applications from colored persons for flying calet appointment or enlistment in the Air Corps are not being accepted.'

"We further vigorously question your statement that morale is splendid in existing Negro The telegram, signed by Mr units of the regular army. Many White, A. Phillip Randolph enlisted men in these segregatof the Brotherhood of Sleeping ed units have made repeated Car Porters, and T. Arnold Hill, protest at being forced to serve formerly industrial secretary as hostlers and servants to of the National Urban League whit army officers. We further and at present an assistant in question that Jimcrow policy tion declared "In a written me- factory.' It has never been satismorandum we submitted we factory nor is it now to Negro specifically repudiated segrega- | Americans. Such segregation . (Continued on page Four)

## Alabamans Seek Vote Right In Court templating deserting President white Democrats to what they explanation as this, it is a fact Roosevelt and joining the "Demo wanted through the Negro...... that as a result of Mr. Flynn's

BIRMINGHAM. - The right and fo the first time here Monof local boards of registrars to arbritrarily bar Negroes from registering to vote will be test-

GOP FINDS TWO NEW ORATORS OF ABILITY



NEW York, Oct. 16 .- Miss Bertha Swindall, of Chicago an orator of amazing ability, is one of the two younger speaking .. "discoveries" .. in the Willkie Presidential campaign. She won prolonged applause at the Conference of the National Federation of Republican Women's clubs in Detroit last week. Miss Swindall is a graduate from the University of Chicago and is active in Young Republican circles of Chicago.

day, October 14, when nine Negro citizens appear before the circuit court of Jefferson county Alabama, to have their qualifications determined by a jury

The nine persons who are represented by Arthur D. Shores counsel for the local branch of the NAACP, include William Boswell, Jasper Townsend, Leslie B. Hutcherson, Willie P. Harris, Rufus E. Crosby, Edger L. Howard, William J. Humphrey Claude Smith and Alonzo Evans.

The case has been hanging fire since last January, when the applicants appeared before the local board of registrars and were refused registration, aft er an examination behind closed doors. They filed petitions in the circuit court last February under a state law which provides that where one has been denied rgistration he may appeal to the circuit court, and have his qualifications determined by

Bringing the case into the ourts marks a victory for Mr. Shores, who, with the backing of the local NAACP branch and the Southern State Conference of NACP branches, has waged a long fight to have the courts determine the qualifications upon which the fitness of appliccants for registration may be judged.

Commenting on the case, Shores said: "This will be the first time we have had to try any of these cases. Heretofore after petitons were filed, the petitioners received their certificates of registration through the mail. !

#### DRIVE GETS GOOD START IN HARLEM



NEW YORK, N. Y .- Harlan's big Republican drive got off to a dramatic start last week when state and national women leaders held a large mass meeting at 160 W, 129th Street. Speakers and leaders present included (l. tor.): Ioneze H. Jefferson, State Royal Grand Matron. Order of the Eastern Star; Camille A. Rodman, Court of Calanthe; Agnes P. Reid, evangelist; Sara Pelham Speaks, Director of Women's Activities, Eastern Division, Republican National Committee; Rosa L. Blocker, G and Worthy Councellor, State of New York, past Grand Daughter Ruler IBPOE of W; Lucille Womack, Assembly candidate, 21st A. D.; Virginia Mc-Intire, Virginia Circule, Alice Campbell Order Eastern Star; Louise A. Harvey Supreme Matron, Daughter of phinx; Julia B. Wilson, Supreme Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star.

Standing (l. to r.) - Josephine Obanion, secretary, Invincible Temple Elks; Cora Neeley, Ruler Invincible Temple Elks, No. 77; Madeline B. Young, Chivalry Court of Calenthe; Rae G. Harris, Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroines of Jericho; Elizabeth S. Edmunds, Past Daughter Ruler Eureka Temple; Le'ia E. Cobb, "Eureka Temple No. 22; Theresa Walker, Invincible Temple Elks; Anna Brown, Ladies Protective Union No. 5; Fannie S. Johnson, President of Red Rose Beneficial Society; Ossie W. Alexander, Unity and Love Association; Ella M. Alexander, Margarette E. Stoute, Grand Vice Daughter Ruler of Elks; Mae Williams, Pres. of Dressmakers Circle; Mary L Grant, New York Elks Choir: Lilian Lawrence, Assisstant to Mrs. Speaks, and L. A. Barnes.

Top row (l. to r.)-Alice Russell, Supreme Recorder, Heroines of Jericho; Isabella Haynes, Most Noble Queen Order of Moose; Carrie Boadnax, Manhattan Temple 393, Elks; Elizabeth B. Carroll, Order of Gazelles; Elsie Sims, Daughter of Sphinx; Gus ie Rov. President Love and Truth Beneficial Association; Maud Coleman, President Emma V. Kelly Beneficial Society, and Eva Osborne,

### Only 353 Race Officers, Say Army Experts

NEW YORK. - At present there are 353 eligible Negro Reserve Officers, according to Robert P. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War.

Patterson made the announce ment in a letter to the NAACP in response to an inquiry filed with his office October 1. "The records of the War Department, said the letter, "indicate that a total of 4,926 Negro students have enrolled as Freshmen in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at two schools having all-Negro personnel. Of these, a total of 554 have completed the 4-year ROTC course at these schools." No information was available, according to the letter as to the race of studnts enrolled in mixed schools.

With the statement that both Colonel Benjamin O. Davis and his son Lt. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., will "normally remain on their present assignments until the summer of 1942, when they will have completed their four-year tour of duty," the Assistant Secretary of War said that "it is impossible to pre dict what future assignments will be given to any officer of the regular army."

#### CONTEST WINNER JOINS WILLKIE BANNER



New York, N. Y. - Caleb Peterson international oratorical prize winner of 1938 and well-known baritone, en listed .. under .. the .. Wendell Willkie banner in the current Presidential campaign and is winning many voters from the New Deal for Willkie. He is regarded as one of the speaking finds of the year.